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TO THE

VERY REV. Æ. McD. DAWSON

LL.D., V.G., &c.

—BY—

CITIZENS OF OTTAWA.

DECEMBER, 1890.

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## **HIS 80TH YEAR.**

# **Presentation to the Very Rev. Dr. Dawson**

**BY CITIZENS OF OTTAWA.**

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RELY has there been found a more representative gathering than that which assembled in the Council Chamber at the City Hall yesterday, when a testimonial was presented to the Very Rev. Dr. Dawson on the occasion of the completion of his 80th year. Seated beside Catholic Clergy were Ministers of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican Churches, and nearly every grade of society was represented. In subscribing to the testimonial which was presented, Catholics and Protestants vied with each other, the result being highly creditable to all concerned.

At 4 o'clock, the appointed hour for making the presentation, the Council Chamber was crowded, amongst those present being a large number of ladies. The attendance included Rev. Canon Campeau, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Ottawa; Rev. Prof. Nolin, Rev. Prof. Langevin, Rev. Prof. Chaborel, Rev. Prof. Forget, of the University of Ottawa; Rev. J. J. Bogert, of St. Alban's Church; Rev. W. T. Herridge, of St. Andrew's Church; Rev. Wm. Scott, of the Methodist Church; Rev. F. W. Farries, of Knox Church; Mr. McLeod Stewart, President of the St. Andrew's Society and Mrs. Stewart; Hon. Justice and Miss Taschereau; Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.M.G.; Sir James Grant, Andrew Drummond, Adam Brown, M.P.; H. Robillard, M.P.; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Macpherson,

Col. Lay, U.S. Consul General and Mrs. Lay ; Dr. and Mrs. Church, Mrs. James Skead, Mrs. E. P. Remon, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Morgan, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Mackey, Mrs. Colman, Miss Deegan, Martin J. Griffin, Madame Verge, Robt. Sedgwick, Q.C., Daniel O'Connor, Q.C., A. M. Burgess, A. Power, Q.C., A. F. McIntyre, Q.C., Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. MacTavish, Dr. and Miss Wicksteed, Principal MacCabe, (Normal School), Principal MacMillan, (Collegiate Institute), A. Lampman, John F. Waters, M.A., Major Ed. Harrison, Marcus Smith, C.E., James Adamson, Ex-Mayor F. McDougal, James P. Dunn, Peter Dunn, J. P. Grace, (*United Canada*), O. Farmer, Z. Wilson, T. H. Allen, George E. Kidd, Mrs. J. S. Brough, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith, Ald. MacLean, Ald. Borthwick, Ald. Heney, Ald. Bingham, Lt.-Col. White, Messrs. J. H. Creydon Powell, London, Eng.; James Johnson, J. Isbester, Jamet, Peterkin, Smith, R. G. Code, Taylor McVeitty, W. Foran, E. A. D. Jones, Ira Morgan, (Metcalf), P. J. Loughran, J. T. Bertram, D. Robertson, Hutchison, Thompson, Geo. Goodwin, W. Stewart, Neil Stewart and others.

On entering the hall, Rev. Dr. Dawson was welcomed by a hearty burst of applause, to which he bowed his acknowledgment. The venerable priest occupied a seat on the right hand of the chairman, Mr. McLeod Stewart, on whose left Mr. Sandford Fleming was seated:

#### OPENING REMARKS.

The Chairman said—Dear Father Dawson, I have known you from boyhood's early years. It gives me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to be present on this occasion, to occupy the position I do, and to present you with a testimonial on the 80th anniversary of your birthday. Before proceeding with this very agreeable duty, I shall ask Rev. Prof. Nolin, who represents Rev. Dr. McGuckin, of the University of Ottawa here to day, to read a letter from the Bishop of Alexandria, conferring upon you the appointment of Hon. Vicar-General of the Diocese of Alexandria. (Applause.)



## APPOINTED VICAR-GENERAL.

Rev. Prof. Nolin then read the following letter :—

BISHOP'S HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA, Nov. 20th, 1890.

*Very Reverend Dr. McDonell Dawson :*

VERY REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—Having learned with pleasure that some of your friends intend to manifest their sentiments of esteem and affection for you by making a public testimonial on the completion of your 80th year, and wishing to join them to do you honour as one to whom honour is due, I avail myself of this occasion to do so, by appointing you, which I do by these presents, an honorary Vicar-General of my newly created Scotch Diocese of Alexandria.

Your long and blameless life in the sacred ministry, the eminent services you have rendered religion by your writings and public lectures, together with your many admirable qualities of head and heart, entitle you, in my humble opinion, to this compliment.

Wishing you many years yet of health and usefulness, I subscribe myself,

Your obedient servant in Christ,

†ALEXANDER MACDONELL,  
Bishop of Alexandria.

PRESENTED WITH A PURSE.

The Chairman next read the following address to the Reverend Father, after which he presented him with a purse and a valuable set of furs :

*To the Very Reverend ÆNEAS McDONELL DAWSON, LL.D., Honorary Vicar-General of the Diocese of Alexandria :—*

DEAR FATHER DAWSON,—On the eventful occasion of the completion of your eightieth year, your friends in the Capital of Canada, of all religious beliefs, take especial delight in coming together for the purpose of giving expression to the feeling of regard and attachment which they entertain towards you, both as a Christian minister and their fellow-citizen.

More than a generation has passed since, in obedience to the call of your illustrious kinsman, the first Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada (Hon. and Rt. Rev. Alex. Macdonell, Bishop of Kingston) a mitred statesman, the influence of whose loyal spirit and wise counsels will long prevail in British America, you came to this country, in fulfilment of the duties of your sacred office. The little church edifice in Upper Town, appropriately named St. Andrew's by the late Venerable Bishop Guigues, in special compliment to you its first Catholic pastor, is still standing among us, serving at once as a landmark of the city's onward progress, and as an interesting memorial of your early ministerial labours in the New World.

Subsequently, for a considerable period, you faithfully served in the neighbouring Catholic Missions of Osgoode and of Long Island; and during the years that the Capital enjoyed the advantage of being, in an Imperial sense, a garrison town, you held the important office of Catholic Chaplain to Her Majesty's troops.

You have now been fifty-six years in the active discharge of your duties as a priest—a term of service exceeded by but very few—and while always labouring zealously for the advancement of the interests of your own church, have at the same time, lived on terms of the most perfect amity with the members of all other religious denominations. Your best exertions have also been directed to the social, mental and moral well-being of the community, and to the preservation of that peace and harmony which should characterize Christian society everywhere, and which now so happily prevails in all portions of Her Majesty's colonial empire.

As an historian and miscellaneous writer, your contributions to the literature of the day have been many and important, and have received unmistakeable proofs of public favour and recognition. To many of your friends, Very Reverend Sir, it has simply been a marvel, how, at your advanced age, you could, even quite recently, so successfully have produced, with personal attention to every detail of publication, a work so extensive and comprehensive in its character as "The Catholics of Scotland." That you may long be spared for further literary triumphs and evidences of scholarship, is the fervent wish and heartfelt prayer of your host of friends and admirers.

It is pleasing to be able to record, on an occasion like the present, that not alone in the centre of your home life, have your eminent merits received acknowledgment, two of the foremost universities of the Dominion, one in Quebec and the other in Ontario, one a Catholic and the other a Protestant body, having been pleased to confer upon you one of the highest academic distinctions in their gift.

Among local objects indebted to your kindly countenance and support, special mention must be made of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, a useful and most necessary organization, of which you have long been the indefatigable and controlling spirit. Much good has already been accomplished by the society in question, which we all trust is only an earnest of greater achievements for the protection of the weak and helpless.

In short, Respected and Venerable Sir, it might truly be said of you, that you have fulfilled the spiritual injunction, to do with all your might whatsoever your hand found to do; and it affords me the sincerest gratification to be able to assure you, on the part of those I more particularly represent here to-day, as well as on that of the general public, that in all the relations in which you have appeared before your fellow citizens, whether as poet, historian, orator, priest or gentleman, you have so acquitted yourself as to command the respect, the admiration and the affection of all classes of our mixed community.

In conclusion, let me say, that it is an admirable tribute to the strength of the benediction accorded by Providence to a holy and regular life, that you present to-day, the spectacle of a man who has attained the age of four score years in the unimpaired vigour of his intellectual and moral faculties, and with bodily health that might be envied by many men twenty years your junior. It is a further tribute to the excellent use which you have made of God's good gifts, that your singular merit has so far won popular esteem and affection as to evoke this testimony of unanimous admiration from men, some of them the highest in the land, differing widely in religious and political creeds; nor is it too much to say that within the same limits there has never been, in this province at least, a meeting for a common object of men so representative of every phase of the life and thought of the community, so that if there were recorded to your credit no achievement other than this, of having by conspicuous well-doing compelled, as it were, so spontaneous a recognition from elements of faith and character the most diverse, your life will not have been lived in vain. And now, dear Father Dawson, in presenting these memorials for your acceptance, I wish you from the bottom of my heart, on behalf of all your friends: *Ad Multos Annos*.

Signed on behalf of the subscribers:

MCLEOD STEWART,

President St. Andrew's Society.

#### PRESENTATION FROM THE LADIES.

Mr. A. F. MacIntyre next advanced and said:—Rev. Father Dawson had challenged by the eminent qualities he had manifested during the course of his life, the admiration of the ladies and the women of every community in which he had lived, and on behalf of the ladies of the Congregation of Notre Dame, a society distinguished for its culture and its educational service to the country, he begged to present him with a portrait of himself as a small testimonial of the high regard, respect and esteem in which the ladies held him. Mr. MacIntyre also read an accompanying letter from the Sisters of the Notre Dame and Gloucester Street Convent, declaring the esteem they entertained for him, expressing pleasure at the honour recently conferred on him, and sincerely thanking him for his valuable services in connection with their institution. (Applause.) Finally, Mr. MacIntyre read the following acrostic on Rev. Father Dawson's name, written by a young Irish lady, under the *nom de plume* of "Stadacona;:"

*To the Very Rev. Father Aeneas Macdonell Dawson, LL.D., on the occasion of the celebration of his 80th year:—*

From Scotia's fragrant heather braes  
And Deveron's clear and rippling waves,  
The soil of France thy footsteps press'd,  
High aims of youth within thy breast ;  
E'en played thy part, when Charles of France  
Retain'd the throne 'neath Bourbon lance.

And then Youth past—to Manhood grown  
Each purpose vow'd to God alone,  
Nor Paris' gay and brilliant dreams  
E'er won thy heart from native scenes ;  
As Deveron flows to Moray's sea,  
So thy course turn'd to Scotia's lea.

Macdonell ! fam'd in days of yore,  
As "Lords of the Isles" on Scotia's shore,  
Canadian soil reflects their fame,  
Descendants proudly bear the name !  
Oft Mitr'd sons of Catholic faith,  
Now, he who guides the Ship of State  
E'en thy rare pen of culture great.  
Long years of Labour hast thou known  
Lord ! in Thy vineyard aged grown.

Doth Earth's first leaflets of the Spring  
A promise sweet of blossom bring ?  
Who Virtue, Genius—doth combine,  
Sweet harvest reaps from sands of Time ;  
Of wealth untold—thy years four score,  
New lustre shed on Scotia's lore !

STADACONA.

Dec. 1st, 1890.

Rev. Dr. Dawson, who seemed visibly affected by the evidence of esteem presented to him, replied substantially as follows :

MR. STEWART AND GENTLEMEN,—I cannot find words for this occasion. No language I am master of can adequately express my thanks for your very beautiful and most kind address. It is much beyond my deserts. It is indeed possible that had I not been deeply engaged with the duties and cares of a long clerical career, I might have achieved something in the cause of letters or of science, I will, however, claim the credit of one thing ; that is, of having been the first to make known, partly by lectures, and partly



by writing, to the people of Ottawa, the great North-West and its boundless resources. Travellers and explorers had published their observations and impressions, but these were but little known. Who ever thought of McKenzie or the mighty river which bears his name? And yet as long as its waters shall flow to the Ocean, will live the name of this explorer.

Lord Milton and Dr. Cheadle gave an interesting account of their journey to the Pacific Ocean through the Territories of the North-West; an English Officer, Captain Palisser, made known the results of his explorations; and more recently, Mr. Sandford Fleming and Principal Grant journeyed through the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, and gave a pleasing record of their travels in a well written volume. It remained to popularize the knowledge of the North-West, and this, your humble servant laboured to accomplish.

In order to render more accessible that land as yet so little known, the late Mr. William McD. Dawson formed a company, which took its name from a steamer called the "Rescue," employed in the service. He did more than this. When Member of Parliament for Three Rivers, he repaired to London, England, in order to negotiate a loan for the building of a Railway through the North-West Territories and over the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.

The British capitalists, Baring & Co., scouted the idea of such a gigantic undertaking. But Mr. Dawson was not to be baffled. Through his friends in London, he obtained an introduction to the Hebrew millionaire, Baron Rothschild. The Baron received him kindly, and he took occasion to say that his constituency of Three Rivers had been the first of any British Electorate to return to Parliament a Candidate of the Baron's nationality. "Ah! then you know my friend Hart," said the Baron. Mr. Dawson replied that he was his fellow-townsmen, and that he was well acquainted with him. The conversation then turned on the subject of the North-West. The Baron was then shewn some papers, treatises, accounts of explorers, etc., with which he was much pleased, and asked for a few days to consider and study them. A fortnight was agreed upon. At the end of that time the conversation was renewed. The Baron considered

that the North-West was a land of great possibilities that required only to be developed. What would it cost, he enquired, to construct a Railway? Mr. Dawson could not then name a sum, but said that preliminary surveys and other preparations would require a good many thousands. "We do not handle such small sums as that," said the Baron, "tell me the whole sum at once." This, Mr. Dawson said, could not be done as yet. "But," said the Baron, "you can perhaps, give an estimate, a rough estimate of the whole cost?" Mr. Dawson, then judging from his knowledge of the construction of Railways, mentioned, as the probable outlay, a tolerably great number of millions. This to the Baron appeared satisfactory; and he assured Mr. Dawson that, as soon as he returned home and made arrangements with his Government, the money would be at their service. Had this magnificent offer been accepted, the Canada Pacific Railway, which is now in full operation and so successful, would have been built much sooner than it was, while much difficulty and embarrassment would have been avoided.

Once more, Mr. Stewart and gentlemen, let me thank you, as I do most cordially, for your kind address, so eloquent in its composition, so complete in its details. I have, however, one objection to it. It designates as *Protestant*, one of the Universities that have honoured me. Now, Queen's University, Kingston, has indeed a Protestant faculty of Theology; but, as one swallow does not make a spring, so one faculty does not make a University. The other faculties are quite distinct from the Theological one; and it is debarred from interfering with them and they with it. Young men of all denominations are welcome within the walls of Queen's University, and after they have pursued the minor studies in less distinguished Institutions, are privileged, without let or hindrance, to drink deep therein at the fountain head of untainted knowledge.

Let me now acknowledge the handsome gifts which accompany your address. Here is a portrait of myself, offered, no doubt, in order that I may see, may know myself. It is an excellent thing for a man to know himself, this lesson the ancient sages taught when they said: *Nosce Teipsum*, man know thyself.



A distinguished member of our own Ottawa University has just read a letter from the Bishop of Alexandria, appointing me a Vicar-General of his newly created Diocese.

And here is an offering of gold, the emblem of power. Nay, is it not power? You intend then to give me power. But, gentlemen, beware, be advised, consider whether this be consistent with *equal rights* of which we have heard so much of late. But to return to the reflection that gold is power, for so it is; more powerful than the thunderbolt, it rends the adamantine rock, levels the loftiest mountains, bridges over the broadest seas, thus bringing into closer relation and friendly correspondence both men and nations. Hence comes the conviction that the States and Provinces of our vast Empire, so widely apart, may be brought into closer union. And here let me remark that such union, whilst highly beneficial, would not be, in any respect, prejudicial to any of the British Provinces or dependencies. As a member of the Canadian Federation League, a Vice-President therein, and a reader of the *Federation Journal*, I can assure you that it is not according to the views of the promoters of Federation, among whom are many eminent Statesmen, to interfere with, or alter in any way, the actual ruling systems of the self-governing colonies. Hence, Canada would still have Her Provincial Parliaments and Her Federation Parliament and Legislature as they now happily exist, there being added in connection with all the Provinces and Colonies, some kind of Representative Council charged to see to the general interests of the Confederated Empire, and particularly, with its defence, if any defence were needed, when a word from so great a power would dispel danger and put to silence any threat of war.

What shall I say to this costly gift of winter robes, so appropriate in these days of frost and snow? They will cause me to remember long the generosity of my Ottawa Friends. They also give a useful lesson, teaching us to be duly humble, reminding us that we came naked into the world, and would have remained so, but for the goodness of the beasts of the field and the forest that provided for us comfortable clothing at the cost of their skins. Once more, my best thanks.

## GREETINGS FROM QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., and Chancellor of Queen's University, announced briefly that he was there to extend the heartfelt greetings from Queen's University, and asked for three hearty cheers for the Rev. Father Dawson, which were heartily given.

Those present then stepped forward and each heartily shook hands with the venerable priest, wishing him many happy returns of the day.

The purse presented to Rev. Father Dawson contained \$400, whilst the set of furs cost \$180.

## MONTREAL GAZETTE.

Not in Ottawa alone will sympathy be felt with the words of the address, read by Mr. McLeod Stewart, to the Rev. Dr. Æneas McDonell Dawson, in connection with the testimonial presented to that distinguished divine and author on his eightieth birthday. Dr. Dawson had come to Canada more than a generation ago, at the invitation of his kinsman, the first Bishop of his church in Upper Canada. The church in which he first ministered, called St. Andrew's, by Bishop Guigues, Ottawa's first venerable Bishop, in honour of Father Dawson, is still standing. Subsequently Father Dawson served faithfully in Osgoode and Long Island, and when the Capital was a garrison town of the Empire, he held the position of Chaplain to the Forces. He had for fifty-six years, in Scotland and Canada, discharged the functions of the priesthood, and during that long period had won the esteem of all, and the warm affection of many who had the happiness of his acquaintance. As a man of letters, Dr. Dawson had done noble service to his native and his adopted country. His poems, dealing with some of the grandest and most heroic epochs and incidents in the national life of "Auld Scotia," from the days of Galgacus to those of Lord Clyde, or treating no less worthily of the national beauty and sublimity of his adopted home and the sturdy loyalty of its children of both races, had won the praise of critics of the highest authority. As an historian, Dr. Dawson's reputation was equally distinguished, equally merited, whether the old world or the new was his theme. Nor was it with his pen alone that he had served his generation. He had (apart from his sacred duties as a priest) been ever

ready to take part in the furtherance of all good objects. The Society for preventing cruelty owed much of its humane usefulness to his unwearied efforts to promote its efficiency. Two of the foremost universities in the land had recognized his literary labours and nobility of character. His vigorous old age was a still higher recognition of his blameless life spent in all healthful activities—it was Heaven's own mark of approval. In private life no cleric or layman could be more highly thought of by all who had the privilege of his friendship, and the gathering of that St. Andrew's Day was evidence most eloquent of the respect and love felt towards him by his fellow-citizens.

#### IRISH CANADIAN, TORONTO.

The new Vicar-General, who is a man of most lovable character, was, born in 1810, at Redhaven, Scotiand. Completing his studies in France, he came to Canada on the invitation of the late Bishop McDonell of Kingston, and it is a remarkable co-incident that, after the lapse of many years he had been created Vicar-General by another Bishop McDonell. Father Dawson has been in Ottawa and its vicinity since 1854. He has been a prolific writer, and was equally at home in poetry and in prose. Many graceful verses attest his fine poetic gifts; and the result of his literary labors is shown in several works, amongst which are: "*Pius IX and His Times*," "*Letters and Lectures on the British Colonies*," "*An Essay on the Poets of Canada*," "*The North-West Territory and British Columbia*," "*The Temporal Sovereignty of the Pope*," "*St. Vincent de Paul*," "*Zenobia*," "*The Last Defender of Jerusalem*," "*Caractacus*," "*Malcolm and Margaret*." His history entitled "*The Catholics of Scotland*"—the favourite work of his life—is a production of rare erudition and merit. Of Father Dawson it has been happily said that he combines the profoundest scholarship with the gentleness of a child. We felicitate the venerable Priest on his eightieth birthday, and pray that his years may yet be many.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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*THE RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA.*

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BISHOP'S HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA, NOV. 22nd, 1890.

MY DEAR SIR,—

Mr. John A. Macdonald, Greenfield, has informed me that a movement has been set on foot by some of the friends of the Revd. Dr. Dawson, in the Capital, to present to the reverend gentleman, a testimonial on the completion of his 80th year.

I write to say that the movement has my warmest sympathy. By his noble qualities of head and heart. Dr. Dawson has established for himself a claim to the kind consideration of those among whom he lives. His tolerant Catholic spirit and his social manner have exercised a beneficial influence for peace and harmony in the mixed community in which he moves. His priestly character, without stain through all these long years, his natural refinement, and scholarly attainments, together with his social and benevolent disposition, have merited for him the friendship and good will of all that enjoy the pleasure of his acquaintance.

It is a source of happiness to me to join with his friends in the proposed testimonial, and to express the wish that my esteemed friend may yet have in store many years of health and happiness.

I am, dear sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.)           ALEXANDER MACDONELL,

Bishop of Alexandria.

HENRY J. MORGAN, ESQ., Ottawa.

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*JOHN A. MACDONELL, Esq., GREENFIELD.*

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ALEXANDRIA, GLENGARRY, NOV. 22nd, 1890.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I am in receipt of your letter concerning the testimonial to be presented to the Revd. Dr. Dawson, and according to your request, called upon



Bishop Macdonell, who entered very heartily into the spirit which animated the Ottawa gentlemen, and will no doubt make his sentiments known to you, as their representation on this occasion.

Senator McMillan, like myself, is only too glad to have this opportunity of testifying our regard and respect for Dr. Dawson. It is impossible to over estimate the good done to the community at large, irrespective of all distinctions of creed, by men of the public spirit, learning and character of our friend the Vicar-General. The Senator and I only regret that you have placed a limit on the manifestations of our sentiments regarding him.

Very truly yours,

(Sd.) J. A. MACDONELL,

Greenfield.

HENRY J. MORGAN, Esq., Ottawa.

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JOHN F. WATTERS, ESQ., M.D.

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111 METCALFE STREET,

OTTAWA, 20th Nov., 1890.

DEAR MR. MORGAN,

I regret indeed that it is not possible for me to contribute a larger sum to the testimonial of the respect and affection of the community, which is soon to be presented to the Reverend Dr. Dawson. What I give, however, is given with the utmost good will. There is a special pleasure in doing anything to show appreciation of the noble life and unselfish labours of this venerable priest and truly Christian gentleman. I have no doubt, then, that I express the heartfelt sentiments not only of myself but of everyone who has contributed or who may contribute to the success of this presentation, when I say that there is in this case a positive pleasure in giving and an eagerness to give, the very existence and spontaneity of which are the best evidence of the feelings of veneration and affection cherished by all toward Father Dawson.

The reverend gentleman has been the recipient of so many well-merited encomiums from personages of the highest position in Church and State,

that it is quite needless for me to attempt to add anything to swell the chorus of eulogy ; but I may be permitted before concluding to express my great admiration for the generous and unselfish way in which you have devoted your time, means and energy to the inception and prosecution of a work such as this of crowning Father Dawson's life work with the public approval of his fellow-citizens, by a tangible token of recognition, a work, indeed which brings a blessing to him who does it, as you are doing it, from the best of all motives,—a desire to honour God's good providence as exemplified in the life and labours of one of his most consistent and devoted servants.

Believe me to remain,

Dear Mr. Morgan,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) JNO. FRANCIS WATERS.

HENRY J. MORGAN, Esq.,

Bank Street Road, Ottawa.

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GEORGE M. CLARK, ESQ., Q.C.

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MONTREAL, 28th Nov., 1890.

DEAR MR. STEWART,

I have received your circular concerning the testimonial to our estimable old friend Dr. Dawson, and am glad to be one of the subscribers.

Unfortunately I have no means of knowing the probable cost of the testimonial, your letter making no allusion to this ; but on chance, I send herewith a five dollar bill, and shall be pleased to send another, if it is required.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) GEO. M. CLARK.

MCLEOD STEWART, Esq., Ottawa.



**W. R. THISTLE, ESQ.,**

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OTTAWA, 28th Nov., 1890.

DEAR STEWART,

You are aiding in an extremely good work, and I have great pleasure in adding my contribution thereto.

I am, very truly yours,

(Sd.) WM. R. THISTLE.

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**PETER WHITE, ESQ., M.P.**

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PEMBROKE, Nov. 29th, 1890.

DEAR MR. STEWART,

I enclose \$5.00 as my contribution to the testimonial which you propose presenting to our Reverend and genial friend, Father Dawson.

I hope he may live a hundred years.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) P. WHITE.

McLEOD STEWART, ESQ., Ottawa.

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.**

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UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA,

OTTAWA, CANADA, Nov. 29th, 1890.

DEAR SIR,

Please find enclosed \$5.00 as our contribution to the memorial presented to the Revd. Father Dawson. The Faculty of the University take this opportunity to acknowledge the merits and qualities in priesthood and in literature of this worthy Reverend Father.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.

HENRY J. MORGAN, ESQ., Ottawa.

VERY REV. PRINCIPAL GRANT, D.D.

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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY,

KINGSTON, FRIDAY, 1890.

MY DEAR MCLEOD STEWART,

Many thanks for letting me know that a testimonial is to be presented to the Reverend Dr. Dawson. Put me down as a contributor, and let me know what you have assessed me for and I will send it at once. Every one who knows the good man will feel honoured in adding a leaf to his chaplet. I send mine because he is Scotch and Canadian; Orator and Scholar; a son of Queen's and a father in the Church Universal.

Ever Yours,

(Sd.) G. M. GRANT.

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JOHN READE, ESQ., THE POET.

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MONTREAL, NOV. 28th, 1890.

DEAR SIR,

I am glad to have the privilege of sharing in a humble way in the testimonial to the Rev. Dr. Dawson, whose character I sincerely respect and whose services to literature I esteem very highly.

Dr. Dawson's innate gifts and learning are matched by his rare moral worth, his genial disposition, and his exquisite courtesy, and I am proud to wish him well in his 80th birthday, and to hope that he may still delight and enjoy his friends for many happy years.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) JOHN READE.

MCLEOD STEWART, ESQ., Q.C., etc., Ottawa.

*LETTER OF THANKS TO MR. MCINTYRE.*

OTTAWA, 3rd DEC., 1890.

DEAR MR. MORGAN,

The Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, Gloucester St., desire me to ask you to be so good as to convey their humble thanks to Mr. A. F. McIntyre, the gentlemen who so kindly acted on their behalf at the presentation of the Public Testimonial to the very Rev. Dr. Dawson. I am also to state that they fully appreciate Mr. McIntyre's complimentary and agreeable allusions to their educational institution on the eventful occasion referred to.

At the same time, I would ask you to express to Mr. McIntyre, my own grateful sense of the honour conferred upon me by his consenting to read my poor unworthy tribute to the Reverend Father, lending it, by his graceful delivery, a charm which it did not otherwise possess, and thus commanding for it, the close attention of all present.

Finally permitting me, dear Mr. Morgan, to add a word of congratulation to yourself on the unparalleled success which has crowned your efforts in a matter which you evidently had so much at heart, and for which you laboured with much of your accustomed energy of spirit.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) KATE DEEGAN.

*A. A. TAILLON, ESQ., MAYOR OF SOREL.*

CABINET DU MAIRE,

SOREL, 4th DEC., 1890.

MY REVEREND FRIEND,

I have just read, with mingled sorrow and pride, in to-day's "Gazette" of Montreal, an account of the interesting event which occurred at your residence in Ottawa on the occasion of your eightieth birthday.

Sorrow, that for want of knowing the promoter's intentions of offering you a worthy tribute, I should have been deprived of the pleasure of contribution towards it. Pride that one who has shewn me the friendship and affection you ever bestowed upon me, should be the recipient of so flattering a testimonial of esteem and reverence.

I would have been most happy to join with the citizens of my native City in honouring, in yourself, as they have done, an eminent and distinguished divine, *Litterateur* and historian, and a noble citizen of whom old Ottawa has every reason to be proud.

Better late than never, and though late in the day, I come to offer you to-day my heartiest congratulations on your having passed the allotted span of life and reached the four score, with the prospects, I earnestly hope, of many more years of happiness for yourself and usefulness for your many friends and admirers. These resume the wishes I would express.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) A. A. TAILLON.

VERY REV. DR. Æ. McD. DAWSON, Ottawa.

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THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED, 27th DEC. 1890.

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Many of our readers are doubtless aware that on St. Andrew's Day a numerously signed testimonial was presented to the Very Rev. Æneas McDonell Dawson, L L.D., etc, of Ottawa, on the occasion of his attaining his 80th birthday. We are happy in being able to present them in this issue with an excellent portrait of that venerable clergyman and distinguished writer. The number and character of the contributors to the testimonial, not in Ottawa only, but in all parts of the Dominion, bore witness to the esteem and affection which Father Dawson's moral and intellectual qualities and genial nature had won for him wherever he is known. The Very Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, gave expression to the sentiments of all who had the pleasure of Dr. Dawson's acquaint-

ance when, in a letter to Mr. McLeod Stewart, he said : " Every one who knows the good man will feel honoured in adding a leaf to his chaplet. I lend mine because he is Scotch and Canadian ; orator and scholar ; a son of Queen's and a Father of the Church universal." Such testimony to his worth could be multiplied. (Here follows a reference to a letter from Lord Lansdowne, written during his term of office in Canada, which letter is given in extenso in another portion of this collection.) Father Dawson was born at Redhaven, Scotland, in July, 1810. He learned the classics at the select Grammar School, of Portsoy, Banffshire, and went, at the age of sixteen, for ecclesiastical studies, to the Archbishopal Seminary of Paris, where he remained till the Revolution of 1830, and to which he returned at a later date. He continued his studies at the Benedictine College, Douai. In 1834 and 1835 he read theology at St. Mary's College, Blairs, Scotland, with the late venerable president, the Rev. John Sharpe. He was ordained on the 2nd April, 1835, and at once appointed assistant priest in the important Mission of Dumfries, which he served until 1840, when he was transferred to the Edinburgh missions. In those missions he officiated till 1852, when he obtained leave to come to Canada, to which country he was invited by the late Hon. and Right Rev. Alex. McDonell, Bishop of Kingston. He arrived in the land which was destined to be his future home, in the autumn of 1854, having previously, while preparing for the change, assisted the lamented Bishop Grant in the Southwark missions, preaching pretty often in St George's Church. On reaching Ottawa Father Dawson was appointed to the charge of Upper Town, as the part of the city on the left bank of the Rideau was then called. When in office there he enlarged and improved the small church in use at the time. After some six years he was invited to officiate at the Cathedral, and was appointed Chaplain to the Forces, a position which he retained till they were withdrawn. He was then nominated parish priest of Osgoode. For some time Father Dawson has retired from the discharge of the more severe duties of the missions, and officiates only at the Convent Chapel on Gloucester street. This is the merest outline of a career which has been associated with some of the greatest events of our time in the Old World, and with the most important stages in Canada's development for nearly fifty years. There are



many points of interest in Dr. Dawson's life to which we would gladly refer if our space permitted. Let us hope that the venerable Vicar-General will, in justice to himself and his many friends, put on record, in his own scholarly and lucid style, the chances and changes of his eighty years, his recollections of distinguished personages whom he has known, and of noteworthy events in which he has directly or indirectly shared. \* \* \* \* \*

The lists of Dr. Dawson's works is a long one, and the publication of the earliest of them antedates the appearance on this planet of most of our readers. His *debut* as an author was made fifty years ago, when his "Maitre Pierre," from the French of M. Delcassot, was printed in England. In 1838 it was brought out in Liverpool. Another essay in translation was "The Parish Priest and his Parishioners," from the original of M. B. d'Exeauvillez (Glasgow, 1842). His subsequent works are: "The Pope Considered in His Relations with the Church, etc.," from the French of Count Joseph de Maistre, London, 1850; "Letters to a Russian Gentleman," from the French of the same distinguished writer; "The Temporal Sovereignty of the Pope in Relation to the State of Italy," London and Ottawa, 1860; "St. Vincent de Paul" (a lecture), London, 1865; "Pius the Ninth and His Time," London, 1880; "The Catholics of Scotland, from 1593, etc., till the death of Bishop Carruthers in 1852," London, Ont., 1890. These constitute Dr. Dawson's contributions to ecclesiastical history and polemical literature. Every one of these volumes was well received. "The Life of Pius the Ninth" was pronounced by a high Catholic authority to be the best biography of that Pontiff yet written; the works on "The Temporal Sovereignty" were highly commended for their clearness, closeness of argument and moderation of tone; of the "Catholics of Scotland" we hope to speak more at length. It is, however, with Dr. Dawson's poetical and critical writings and his essays on Canadian subjects that the general reader is naturally most concerned. In 1870 appeared his "Miscellaneous Essays," which comprised (*inter alia*) a series of letters in reply to the views of Prof. Goldwin Smith and Lord Sherbrooke (Mr. Robert Lowe) on colonial questions; essays on the history and development of the North-West Territories and on Canadian poets, and an oration on the death of the Hon. D'Arcy McGee. In 1882 he brought out a poem "The Last Defender of Jerusalem;" in 1883, "Zenobia, Queen of Palmyra," appeared, and in



1886 a volume containing "Dominion Day," "Caractacus," "Malcolm and Margaret," and other poems. Most of these were primarily read before the Royal Society, of which Dr. Dawson is one of the original members. They reveal imagination, taste and scholarship, and have been much admired by critics of undoubted standing. In concluding this inadequate review of the Very Rev. Dr. Dawson's long life and distinguished services as a priest, a citizen and an author, we would ask the privilege of adding our congratulations and good wishes to those of the host of friends, of every creed and nationality, who were proud to do him honour on his 80th birthday. We hope that he may long be spared to those who esteem and love him.

THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED, 10TH JANUARY, 1891.

In connection with the account of this pleasant event, which appeared in our issue of December 27, it ought to have been stated that the conception and carrying out of the idea of thus honouring a worthy clergyman and man of letters were due to Mr. Henry J. Morgan, who had, however, the willing co-operation of a large number of persons to whom Dr. Dawson was known either personally or by repute. Among these was Mr. McLeod Stewart, who, as president of St. Andrew's Society, took so leading a part in the presentation. We may add that it was the Rev. Father Nolin, who as representing the University of Ottawa, read Bishop McDonell's letter appointing Dr. Dawson an honorary Vicar-General of His Lordship's Diocese of Alexandria. This he did by the Bishop's desire, as he was an *alumnus* of the University, otherwise the letter would have been read by the Rev. F. Campeau, Administrator of the Archdiocese during the Archbishop's absence.

UNITED CANADA.

Seldom has a more representative gathering of citizens assembled in Ottawa than that which was present in the City Hall, Monday afternoon, on the occasion of the presentation of a testimonial to the Rev. Æneas McDonell Dawson, LL.D., the newly appointed Vicar-General of the Diocese of Alexandria. It was representative of the liberal spirit of the community, in that it included men of all shades of religious and political thought, as well as of national origin; and representative of the culture of the Capital in that it included men of high attainment in the legal and the literary, the skilled and the sacred professions.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON.

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OTTAWA CITIZEN, 8TH DECEMBER, 1890.

His Excellency the Governor-General called upon Rev. Father Dawson at the Rideau Club on Saturday and tendered the venerable gentleman his hearty congratulations upon the handsome testimonial presented to him in the City Hall on Monday last.

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LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, MAY 27th, 1887.

DEAR DR. DAWSON,

Amid the excitement of yesterday I had no opportunity of expressing to you my gratitude for the admirable lines in which you so kindly welcomed me to Ottawa.

I have re-read them this morning and appreciate them even more in the quiet of my study than when I first saw them.

I am particularly pleased with your reference to the statesmen whom my family has given to the service of the country, and whose claims to public gratitude you have so eloquently commemorated. Of their deeds I may say emphatically, "*vix ea nostra voco.*" It is none the less pleasant to find that they are not forgotten.

For your personal kindness to myself I cannot thank you sufficiently. Your lines will form one of the most interesting records of my term of office here, and have added to the gracefulness of the memorable reception which we received from the citizens of Ottawa last night.

I am, Dear Dr. Dawson,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) LANSDOWNE.

THE REV. DR. Æ. MCD. DAWSON, Ottawa,

**WELCOME TO LORD LANSDOWNE,**  
**GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA,**  
**ON HIS RETURN TO OTTAWA, MAY 26TH, 1887.**

REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE LETTER OF THANKS.

—(o)—

LANSDOWNE ! to Britons dear the honoured name !  
 The more assailed, the brighter grows its fame.  
 Each meed of virtue justly called its own,  
 It claims through time a glorious fourfold crown.  
 First, sage like wisdom casts its genial glow  
 And throws its light on turbid scenes below.  
 Then statesmanship, o'er all triumphant reigns.  
 A nation's love and men's applause obtains,  
 Best eloquence unto the name belongs  
 And joyous Poesy with her power of songs.  
 Such was, not yet forgot, the bright renown  
 That graced, erewhile, the house of high Lansdowne.  
 Degenerate, never ! Still the good blood flows,  
 The tyrant crushed and quelled a nation's foes.  
 Peace, happiness and liberty our pride,  
 Fell persecution never could abide.  
 Sunk was the iron in the victim's soul ;  
 Each statute dire a life devouring scroll ;  
 Each man, a Pariah in his native land,  
 Was doomed beneath the rod abject to stand.  
 Rolled on the evil days ; propitious came  
 The healing hour, at length, with LANSDOWNE'S name  
 Associate e'er to be, whilst flows the tide  
 That guards Britannia's growing Empire pride.  
 Not in our age is destined to go down  
 Intolerant, the star of bright LANSDOWNE.  
 The witness seek ye ? Canada proclaims,  
 That just and noble are the Statesman's aims.  
 The glorious freedom, planted in our soil,  
 By DURHAM, BALDWIN, and LAFONTAINE'S toil.

In days to come the brightest proof will give  
 Beneath his sway our liberties will live.  
 Not yet the time far gone, when British power  
 Like influence felt the mightiest Empire o'er.  
 Fought, in those days, was liberty's great fight,  
 And Britons still remember with delight  
 How BROUGHAMS, MACAULAYS, LANSDOWNES held the field  
 Our hard won constitution free to shield.  
 Nor kingly powers nor blindfold lordly pride  
 Their course could stay, or for a moment hide  
 The light they spread. It was the Empire's stay.  
 From better on to better still the way  
 It certain paved the heritage obtained,  
 Of peace and happiness that still remained,  
 And will remain to latest hour of time  
 The wide extent throughout of Britain's clime.  
 Richer than gold or diamonds bright such gain,  
 Prosperous it causes to endure the reign  
 Of blest VICTORIA, and nobly crowns  
 The many years of Royal power she owns.  
 That LANSDOWNE should her faithful Vicar be,  
 Fills worthily her joyous jubilee.

Æ. MCD. DAWSON.

Ottawa, 26th May, 1887.

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Prof. E. Stone Wiggins.....	2
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Charles Sangster, (Kingston)...	5
His Worship the Mayor, Jacob	
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Total.....	\$244
Mr. Morgan's list.....	369
<i>Grand total</i> .....	\$613

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R. J. Devlin, furs.....	\$150 00
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Fotheringham & Popham, purse.....	2 00
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**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**


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BY THE VERY REVEREND ÆN. MCD. DAWSON, LL.D.

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ALL hail Columbia ! not least though last  
 Of treasures rare that nobly come to grace  
 A glorious diadem ! Of unions past  
 Most welcome thine ! cordial we give thee place,  
 Thou, the most potent centre,—honoured heart  
 Of Canada's Dominion ! Thine the fate  
 An empire to complete. Our destined part  
 Unplayed as yet, thou com'st, thrice welcome state !—  
 Mid the twin oceans' foam we're grandly set ;  
 Like to a diamond pure of price untold,  
 In its rich brightness sparkling ere as yet  
 By contact foul bedimmed to kindred gold  
 Wedded alone, refulgent, it displays  
 A common glory. Thus, on thy fair brow  
 Bright sister of the west, thy worth portrays  
 That spotless maiden crown thou hast till now  
 Exclusive borne. In destined time thou'rt wed,  
 Or, like the priceless diamond set in gold.  
 Be thine the lot, in after years when read  
 Thy tale of wedded life, that aye be told  
 High honour's scroll, no conquest thine to boast  
 That wades to glory through a sea of blood,  
 And climbs to power and wealth at the sad cost  
 Of orphan's tears and death in direst mood.  
 The victories already thine shall tell  
 Full many an age to come, how sweetly won  
 Thy famous battles, hardly fought and well ;  
 By honoured toil and counsel sage all done  
 Thy deeds of high renown. Thou mad'st a state,  
 Will future ages say : The mainland thine,

The islands came, and thou at once wert great !

In union strong, now earnest all combine,  
Stretch out their arms of power the land of gold

Peaceful to seize, the foaming torrent span,  
Wild mountains pierce, the forest hoar and old

Fearless subdue, and to the use of man  
Fair smiling fields and prairies grand unfold.

What strength in union's found and what thy gain,  
In days to come, to latest hour of time,

Let thine achievement tell, that casts thy chain  
Through continent and isle, o'er all the clime,

On mountain's necks like pearly necklace thrown,  
O'er lakes unfathomed, dashing torrents borne,

Till oceans meet, and, wedded are thine own !—  
—Thine own to dawning of the Atlantic morn ?

Extend'st thine arm of might where sets the sun,  
Thy magic wand out o'er the western sea,

And lo ! ere yet thy work is well begun,  
Vast continents and islands come to thee !

Cashmere and Thibet welcome tribute pay,  
Her pent up treasures China willing pours ;

Japan, from rest of earth no more astray,  
And India come, their wealth changing with yours.

How blest thy favoured people in their store !  
Earth's richest theirs. Her pearls Arabia sends,  
Her diamonds rare Golconda. Thine even more.

With these shall vie each eager clime that blends

Its lot with thine ; and on thy ocean throne,  
When greater than thyself, sweet land, are gone,

Thou'lt reign, Columbia, o'er the sea,  
Hope, refuge, stronghold of the Free !

## THE BETTER AGE.

BY THE VERY REV. ÆN. MCD. DAWSON, LL.D.

*Majora Canamus.*

ALL hail to thee, most blest auspicious morn !  
 Bight glorious day ! on long vexed earth is born  
 Thy holy one, from highest Heaven come down  
 The troubled race of man with peace to crown.  
 The age unfold, O, time ! that shall assuage,  
 All mortal griefs, more than that golden age  
 Long praised of men, the bright Saturnian day  
 That spread o'er earth its gladdening genial ray ;  
 And yet but shadow was of the new power  
 That bids the world rejoice, all climes out o'er,  
 Where'er is mind or intellect to prize  
 The boon supreme o'er the lost earth shall rise,  
 And like a sun new born out spread its rays  
 From pole to pole, disclosing happiest ways  
 From mortal ken fast sealed ere yet 'twas given.  
 The treasures to unroll of the new Heaven.  
 Earth too must new become, of mould divine  
 Its people all, their altered lot to shine  
 In glories past compare, in bliss untold  
 The better age is destined to unfold.

Though powerful, much opposed the peaceful reign,  
 The serpent dragon seeking to regain  
 His empire lost, of discord spreads the seeds,  
 And artless man excites to cruel deeds.  
 His efforts vain ; fell war in every land  
 That owes obedience to the new command,  
 Is doomed its gory banner to throw down  
 In homage to the victor Peace King's crown.



The fight so long maintained must end at last,  
 The Strife-King final conquered and bound fast  
 In chains of adamant that gall his pride  
 And mock his power that broken must abide,  
 The better age throughout,—the age of light,  
 Of righteousness and truth, of all that's bright,  
 That cheers, that gladdens, bids all men rejoice  
 And all inclines to seek the nobler choice.  
 Black discord flies abashed, its day outspent ;  
 The warrior fierce, ere while on war was bent,  
 His vengeful sword to gracious ploughshare turned  
 His haughty mind for warlike deeds that burned  
 To peaceful work now freely, wisely given,  
 On higher thoughts intent, inspired of Heaven.  
 Oh ! wondrous age ! Oh ! newness ever new !  
 Monarchs no more earth's tyrants are, their view  
 So changed, men's happiness their only pride,  
 Past tyranny no more they can abide.  
 Such ruler favoured Allemania claims,  
 Peace and its noble arts his lofty aims.  
 Though backed by countless hosts, for warlike deeds  
 Renowned ; yet meek and to the age's needs  
 Submissive ; thus forth showing in their might  
 A more than conquering power, man's right  
 Their glory to uphold, nor theirs this pride,  
 Alone ; around them, near them, side by side,  
 Great nations strive ; 'tis who shall surest win  
 The palm of peace, and thus hap'ly begin  
 The high career appointed by this age  
 When soldiers brave no more shall eager wage  
 Destructive war, but deem it richest gain  
 Sweet peace to cherish and advance its reign.

Blind persecution, cruel in thy past  
 Britannia, hath certain breathed its last.

Obedient to the age, thy fleets no more  
Speed forth, new conquests on each hapless shore  
Insatiate to seek, their better pride  
Commerce to guard out o'er the briny tide,  
New arts promote, stupendous works display  
Securely resting from the vengeful fray.  
Of nations favoured most, best gifts are thine  
Of liberty; thy glory to combine  
With peoples blest as thou, on Afric's shore  
The boon to spread, and Afric's sons no more  
In torturing bonds shall pine, all hope away,  
But to the age their joyous homage pay.  
No foot of slave ever foully profanes  
Thy gifted soil, freedom's blest fruits thy gains.  
Is heard thy healing word, o'er the dark land,  
Obedience yielding to thy great command.  
Arise Britannia ! in thy might arise,  
Complete thy best, thy noblest enterprise ?  
Cause freedom live, the age's high behest,  
Each tyrant crush ; relieve the sore oppress.  
This conquest done, though far and wide thy power,  
Yet greater still thy glorious name shall tower.

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## THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

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*“Vidimus Stellam ejus in Oriente.”*

HAIL Mystic Star ! Bright in the starry host !  
 Light of the world, so long alas ! was lost,  
 O'er Judah shine ; send forth thy guiding ray  
 To nations all shall point the way  
 To Heaven's light that dawns at last  
 O'er darkened earth and of all ages past  
 The gloom dispels. Welcome auspicious star !  
 Thy blessed glow o'er Asia's bounds afar,  
 Past glories all outshines, new power displays  
 As destinies it shapes, points out the ways  
 Must knowledge come and sacred truth be won.  
 Thou shinest not, blest star, where deeds are done  
 That war on virtue ; cruelty thy bane,  
 Acts tyrannous, curses, all things profane.  
 O wondrous star ! thy light is never given  
 When rashly men forsake the ways of Heaven,  
 'Mid vice and error grope their devious way  
 Far from thy power and brightest truth astray.  
 Wise men of old, as sacred writings say,  
 In Asia saw thy light and took their way  
 'To Judah's land. To Israel's palace high  
 As the bold, anxious travellers drew nigh,  
 “ True tidings here of Israel's King we'll find ;  
 Such knowledge, doubtless, theirs who rule mankind.”  
 They enter in. Lo ! darkness all around.  
 A dense cloud shrouding the unholy ground.  
 Ceased hath the guiding star of Heaven to shine,  
 Refusing with the wicked to combine.  
 Well known on high the tyrant's cruel heart ;

The sages, warned, with him could have no part.  
 Fain would the monarch have them share his view.  
 They, as was meet, then filled with ardour new,  
 "Think'st thou, fond tyrant, us to lead astray,  
 First fruits of the world's conquest, to betray  
 The future King ; or dost thou seek the place  
 Through us to know where born the Lord of Grace?  
 Blind hypocrite ! pretend not thou'lt adore  
 The King new-born we're here to honour more  
 Than all the potentates of ages gone,  
 In darkness thou remain'st ; we journey on.'  
 Pealed thunder as they spoke, a dismal cloud,  
 Dark, sulph'rous, o'er the palace like a shroud,  
 Or funeral pall, was in that instant spread,  
 Down striking prince and train with sudden dread.  
 With speed the sages quit the tyrant's home,  
 The star resplendent shines, and now they're come  
 To Juda's land ; o'er Bethlehem gleams the star,  
 Brightly the nations lighting wide and far.  
 Heaven lends its choirs ; celestial songs resound,  
 Mingling with earth's music Israel around ;  
 "GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH !" the angelic strain,  
 And "PEACE ON EARTH !" man's richest, noblest gain ;  
 Peace unto all who, now and evermore,  
 Our sages like, the Peace King shall adore.

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